

Matrimonial

GIMMONS—KERR.—Miss Annie Gertrude Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kerr, and Mr. Daniel W. Gimmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gimmons were by me united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents near Darwin, August 3, 1899. There were about fifty guests present. The presents were numerous and very useful. A sumptuous dinner was served. My prayer is that the effulgence of divine glory may shine along their pathway that will make their wedded life a happy one.

ALVIN BYERS.

Our Dead

SEEFONG.—William Seefong was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., April 29, 1830, died July 26, 1899, aged 69 years, 2 months and 27 days. He leaves to mourn their loss three children, three brothers and seven grand children. Two of his daughters are members of the Brethren church, Mrs. G. F. Monk and Mrs. Francis Oyster. Altho Mr. Seefong never identified himself with Christ's church he was respected for his integrity of character. Sermon by

J. L. KIMMEL.

BICKLEY.—Nellie Viola Bickley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bickley was born August 5, 1879, at their home in Orange, where she has lived since birth. In the days of her childhood Nellie's days were as happy and full of pleasure as were those of her young friends and companions; but since the age of fourteen she has had struggle after struggle with disease and pain. In three consecutive years, as many severe attacks of pneumonia absorbed her vitality to such a low degree that Bright's disease obtained a firm hold and waged its underhanded battle of three years or more. During the past few months tho dying by degrees she made a brave fight for life, with remarkable grit. She never yielded an inch until it was hopelessly lost, bearing it all with great patience and endurance, her only complaint when about to go was "I am so tired, if I could only rest." Nellie was blessed with a tender heart, and a courage and patience that remained undaunted. She was a member of the Enon congregation of the Progressive church and of the King's Children Society of the same place, being a regular attendant at both when her health would permit. Nellie died August 2, in Chicago and was buried at Waterloo, on August 5, the twentieth anniversary of her birth. The deceased leaves to mourn her a father and mother, and an only brother, Elvin Bickley of this city. Funeral services by her pastor,

J. L. GILLIN.

STUVER.—Miss Anna May Stuver daughter of brother S. L., and sister Mary A. Stuver and the grand-daughter of brother Ben Benshoff Sr., and sister Catharine Benshoff in Rosedale, died at her home August 4, 1899, aged 17 years, 1 month, and 4 days. Sister Anna was baptized and confirmed in the Brethren church at Rosedale, Nov. 17, 1892, by brother Stephen Hildebrand, and she has been a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ until the last spark of life was extinguished which has given her a title clear to the "Mansions of Day" which she so often sang about in the church choir of which she was a faithful member. She is now singing angelic songs and praising God around the throne in heaven having her voice tuned to all the golden harps of angels. The choir is mourning over their loss and think it cannot be possible; the Sunday-school has lost a faithful teacher and the "Little Lambs" of whom she had charge wept tears of sorrow as they stood beside her coffin and gazed for the last time upon her lovely face. The S. S. C. E., and the W. C. T. U. both have lost a faithful secretary. Oh, the loss how can we endure it as a church. But the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. As pastor of this church "I bowed down heavily as one that mourneth for his mother." Ps. 35:14. The shortness of her life is a mystery that I shall never fully understand until I

reach the summit of Mt. Zion and gaze with rapture upon the scenes of angelic life when all the mysteries of this world shall be revealed and "we shall know as we are known." When asked by the pastor to do anything for the cause of Christ she would always answer with her motto, "I will try, and will do the best I can." A few weeks before she took sick she said "as long as I am able to go I could not stay away from church service if I was to try." Words of this kind are very encouraging to any pastor who is anxious to see the church prosper, and they bind both pastor and his people together in Christian love so that

"When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again."

We talked and prayed with her while she was sick and read and commented on James 5:13-16, where it speaks of anointing, and the promised blessings of the same. She was anointed, and she died happy, and the Lord conveyed her spirit home to the realms of endless day. During all the tedious night of her life the blessed gospel light shed its beams around her and the damp fogs and the darkness along her pathway only tended to cause her virtues to bloom the sweeter and the purer. While our eyes are bedimmed with tears her's are gazing with unspeakable wonder and delight on the scenes of angelic life. The night of tribulations have passed into the eternity out of which she has come and Anna has gone up into a higher, spiritual realm where she can praise God in more perfection and walk the fields of immortality as the day everlasting throws its celestial radiance around her. Our desire is that when we die we may have the same transplantation of heavenly bliss.

Anna leaves a father and mother, three sisters and four brothers and many other relatives to mourn her departure. Owing to the funeral train that followed her coffin to the grave and the many flowers that lay

on her casket the whole town bowed their heads in mourning. Funeral services were conducted in the Rosedale Brethren church by the writer. Text, "Return unto thy rest O, my soul;" Ps. 116:7, the thought of which was suggested to us by the sister in what she said before she died. Interment was made in Pleasant Hill cemetery. We close by saying of her what she said about her great grand mother when she passed away.

She is gone our dearest sister
And her face we see no more,
But we still have hope to meet her
On that bright eternal shore.

ALVIN BYERS.

RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions passed by the choir, Sunday school, S. S. C. E. in the Rosedale Brethren church of which Anna May Stuver was a useful member:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to remove from our midst a dear sister, Anna May Stuver, a teacher and co-worker in the Sabbath school, also secretary of the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor, and a faithful member of the church choir, be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to him who "doeth all things well," ever "breathing from our hearts the prayer, 'Thy will be done.'"

That we place on record our love and respect for a deceased sister, and our high appreciation of her faithful service and influence among us.

That we gird ourselves anew for the work of the Master, looking forward to the happy reunion in the "Mansions of Day."

That we extend to the bereft family our heartfelt sympathy, and that these resolutions be published in the daily papers and BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and a copy be presented to the family.

ALVIN BYERS, Pastor.
DAVID BENSHOFF, Supt.
J. K. CARNEY, Choir Leader.
SADIE STUTZMAN, Pres. S. S. C. E.

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